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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20-25 and 39-41 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26,30,31 and 33-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 27-29,32 and 36-38 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The declaration filed on March 20, 2001 under 37 CFR 1.131 is sufficient to overcome the Farris's reference.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 26, 30, 31, and 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated Rivers et al (US Patent 6,028,858).

Regarding to claim 26, Rivers discloses a telecommunications system 10 (fig. 1) having a plurality of diverse paths 30-44 available for transporting a voice call, one of said paths 38 traversing at least a public switched telephone network 14 having a local line 34 to a subscriber 28 receiving the voice call and a packet-switched data

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communication network 12 (col. 3 lines 57-67), said apparatus comprising a server 50 comprising an interface (implicitly shown) for connection to the packet-switched data communication network 12, an interface for voice-call connection (virtual circuit) with the PSTN 14 (col. 4 lines 58-67), and means for providing calling party identification information ANI for a calling party 28 to the PSTN 14 based on calling party identification information ANI received via the packet-switched data communication network 12 (col. 4 lines 44-57), wherein the calling party identification information (ANI) is received by the server 50 via a path 40 through the packet-switched data communication network 12 and is conveyed by the server 50 to the called subscriber line 36 by the PSTN 14 upon routing of the voice call (col. 5 lines 7-27).

Regarding to claims 30 and 33, Rivers discloses a method for providing caller identification information for a voice call, originating from a remote calling subscriber device 28, to a called telephone subscriber line 44 (fig. 1) comprising the steps of routing an initial voice call, originated by a calling party at the remote calling subscriber device 28, through a packet switched data network 12 to a gateway 20 that interfaces between the packet switched data network 12 and a public switched telephone network 14 (col. 4 lines 16-25); in response to said routing step, placing a subsequent telephone call from the gateway 20 through the PSTN 14 to the called subscriber line 44 (col. 4 lines 30-43); linking the initial voice call at the gateway 20 with the subsequent telephone call and transporting originating calling party identification information (ANI) from the gateway 20 through the PSTN 14 to the called subscriber line 44 while the called subscriber line 44 is in an on-hook condition (col. 4 lines 44-57).

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Regarding to claim 31, Rivers discloses routing a telephone call from the remote calling subscriber device 28 through a remote PSTN 14a to a remote gateway 20d coupled between the packet-switched data network 12 and the remote PSTN 14a and establishing communications relating to the initial voice call between the gateway 20b and the remote gateway 20d via PSTN 14 (fig. 1 col. 3 lines 29-50).

Regarding to claim 34, Rivers discloses receiving the originating caller identification information over an ISDN channel from the gateway (col. 4 lines 16-25).

Regarding to claim 35, Rivers discloses receiving the originating caller identification information over a D trunk from the gateway (col. 4 lines 8-15).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 27-29, 32, and 36-38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Claims 20-25 and 39-41 are allowed.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc T. Duong whose telephone number is 571-272-3122. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00 AM-6:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy D. Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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